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1. BECAUSE OF SWISS COMMERCIAL SECRECY RULES AND SENSITIVITIES CONCERNING FOREIGN GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIONS IN SWITZERLAND, EMBASSY DISCUSSED WITH SWISS DIVISION OF COMMERCE REQUEST THAT EMBASSY UNDERTAKE SURVEY TO DETERMINE INJURY TO US TRADE RESULTING FROM REVISED EC/EFTA RULE OF ORIGIN. FOR SIMILAR SURVEY LAST YEAR, GOS ADVANCE CLEARANCE WAS OBTAINED.

2. AMBASSADOR KLAUS JACOBI INFORMED EMBOFF JUNE 7 THAT DIVISION OF COMMERCE HAD NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED SURVEY BUT THAT SWISS WOULD FEEL FREE TAKE EMBASSY SURVEY
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INTO ACCOUNT IN GATT ARTICLE XXII:1 CONSULTATIONS. WE

ASSUME THIS MEANS THAT IF WE HAVE DIFFICULTY IDENTIFYING
ACTUAL CASES OF INJURY SWISS WOULD ARGUE THAT RULES ARE
IN FACT NON-RESTRICTIVE. IF, ON OTHER HAND, WE ARE ABLE
IDENTIFY CASES OF INJURY, SWISS WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY
THEMSELVES TO LOOK INTO FACTS OF SITUATION. IN ANY EVENT,
WE AGREED WITH JOCOBI THAT UPON CONCLUSION EMBASSY
SURVEY EMBASSY WILL DISCUSS RESULTS IN GENERAL TERMS WITH DIVI-
SION OF COMMERCE.

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